Ryots' roads in Kulasekharapuram pakuthi.

97. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether they have received any representation from the people of Kulasekharapuram pakuthi, in Karunagapally taluk, surrendering a road which they had opened on their own lands free of compensation ;

(*b*) whether a deputation including three members of the Legislature waited on the Dewan and the Chief Engineer for this purpose ;

(*c*) whether the road has been taken possession of by the P. W. D. ; and

(*d*) if not, why it was not ;

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) A deputation was received by the Dewan.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) The lands required for the road have not yet been handed over to the P. W. D.

Bhagavathipadikkal Keerikad road.

98. ***Mr. K. M. Kesavan** : Will the Government be pleased to state :

(*a*) whether there is a cross road from Bhagavathipadikkal on the Kayenkulam—Thattarampalam road to Keerikad (*via* Pathiyoor) on the Kayenkulam-Nangiarkulangara road, connecting them both ;

(*b*) if so, have they repaired the rain damages on the same in the last two years ;

(*c*) whether at present certain parts of the road to the west of the Pathiyoor temple are under water ; and

(*d*) whether owing to want of a bridge across the canal to the west of the temple, people cannot use the road without a boat in the rainy season ;

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : (*a*) Yes.

(*b*) Yes.

(*c*) No.

(*d*) A *vallam* is needed to cross the stream during the rainy season.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan : With reference to the answer to part (*b*), may I inform the honourable member that this road has not been repaired during the last six months ?

Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar : A report will be called for, on the matter, from the Division Officer.

Mr. K. M. Kesavan : With reference to part (*d*), may I know whether Government will be pleased to make arrangements for a ferry in that place ?

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Mr. S. Sesha Aiyar: That will be considered.

Promotions among the ministerial staff of the High Court.

99. ***Mr. A. Easwara Pillai** (*Kottarakara and Pattanapuram* cum *Shencottah*): Will the Government be pleased to state:

(*a*) whether the High Court strictly adheres to the provisions of the G. O. R.O.C. No. 680/35/11/Genl., dated the 16th April 1935, regarding promotions to graduates, in preference to undergraduates in the ratio of 3 : 1;

(*b*) the total number of vacancies of clerks in various grades that occured in the department in 1113 and 1114 and the number of graduates and undergraduates promoted in each grade and;

(*c*) whether the High Court treats the entire department as one unit for promotion, or the High Court and subordinate courts separately?

Mr. Puthupally S. Krishna Pillai (*Legal Remembrancer to Government*): (*a*) The standardisation G. O. is strictly adhered to in respect of the subordinate courts, except in the case of Sheristadars of District Courts, the posts whereof are ordinarily reserved for B. Ls.

In the High Court, the promotions are governed by the following rules:—

(i) The post on Rs. 100-125 grade to be exclusively reserved for Law Graduates;

(ii) In the grade of Rs. 75-100, there should ordinarily be three B. Ls, one non-law-Graduate and two non-graduates.

(iii) In the Grade of Rs. 40-70, there should ordinarily be six law-graduates, three graduates and three non-graduates; and

(iv) In the case of graduates and non graduates, only those who have qualified themselves by passing the departmental tests should be considered for promotion to the grades of Rs. 75-100 and Rs. 40-70.

(*b*) A *statement containing the information required is laid on the table.

(*c*) The High Court and the subordinate Courts are treated as separate units, but this does not preclude the transfer of clerks from one cadre to another when required in the interests of service or for other reasons.

Mr. V. Sankara Menon (*Trivandrum and Nedumangad* cum *Chirayinkil*): Is any special preference shown to non-graduates who have passed the pleadership examination?

Mr. Puthupalli S. Krishna Pillai: Yes, Sir; the pleadership examination as well as the departmental test is taken into consideration in giving promotions to the ministerial staff.

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